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1. Spilve Airfield -

Location	Dimensions	Construction --- and --- Condition
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Riga	2-3 km. by 2-3 km.	Runways concrete, 1 km. long; flares at night; many hangars and administration buildings. A very good airfield; suitable for largest planes; improved and enlarged by Russians.
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2. Kalnciems Airfield

Riga	2 km. by 2 km.	Hard ground, no concrete; stone hangars; wooden barracks. Reconstruction by all available means begun in summer of 1946.
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3. Liepaja Airfield

East shore	2 km. by 3 km. of lake	Concrete runways, 1 km. in length. Constructed by the Germans during war. Hangars and buildings ample. Under reconstruction by all available means.
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4. Grobina Airfield

Liepaja	2 km. by 2 km.	Well constructed; hard ground. Demolished by Germans no concrete runways. Ample hangars and buildings. Constructed by Germans during war.
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5. Daugavpils Airfield

Griva	1 km. by 1 km.	Construction begun in peace time. Wooden hangars. No information concerning possible improvements or condition.
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6. Liepaja Airfield

West shore of Tosmare Lake	700 by 300 m.	Constructed in peace time for civilian use. Small; no concrete runways. Hangar of stone. Has been ploughed over by Germans. Sandy soil, soft in summer.
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Location	Dimensions	Construction	Condition
7. <u>Ventspils Airfield</u>	2 km. by 1 km.	Well constructed; hard ground, no concrete runways. Improved by Russians.	Presumably demolished by Germans during retreat.
8. <u>Krustpils Airfield</u>	2 km. by 1 km.	Well constructed; hard ground, no concrete runways. Stone hangars built by Latvians.	No information available at present.
9. <u>Daugavpils (Stary Ivor)</u>	800 by 200 m.	Small; allows for start in one direction only. No concrete runways.	No information available.
10. <u>Gulbene Airfield</u>	500 by 500 m.	Former Latvian Airfield; hard surface; hangars; fuel tanks.	No information available.
11. The following airfields were established by the Germans during the war, mainly by leveling and rolling. There are no concrete runways:			
<u>Salaspils</u> (right bank of Daugava River)		<u>Tukums</u>	
<u>Valmiera</u>		<u>Muldiga</u>	
<u>Cesis</u>		<u>Stende</u>	
<u>Araiisi</u>			
All the above fields suffered damage during the German retreat. Buildings were burned and the ground was partly ploughed.			
12. Bauska and Viesite are reported suitable places for the establishment of airfields. These and other locations were selected during the Latvian administration.			

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